

CPCS Qualifications and Rates for Investigators, Social Service Providers and Expert Witnesses

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Section 9(i) of G.L. c.211D, authorizes the Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS) to establish qualifications and rates for expert witnesses, investigators and social service providers who are paid as vendors in accordance with the Indigent Court Costs Act, G.L. c.261, sections 27A-27G. Since Section 9(i) was adopted in 1996, CPCS has surveyed vendors regarding their rates and qualifications, surveyed attorneys regarding their use of vendors and Indigent Court Cost funds, and reviewed the policies and practices of other jurisdictions regarding the payment of expert witnesses.

This document identifies nineteen categories of vendors that fall within section 9(i) of Chapter 211D. Section I identifies the nineteen vendors and the range of range of rates for each vendor. Section II lists each vendor separately by category and provides both the qualifications and range of rates for each category.

This list of experts is neither exhaustive nor exclusive. Assigned counsel may determine a need for experts not included on this list. The Indigent Court Costs Act, G. L. c.261, sections 27A-27G, applies to requests for funds for the experts listed in this packet and others deemed necessary by assigned counsel. **Similarly, the range of rates is neither exhaustive nor exclusive.** Rates paid to experts may fall above or below the rates listed herein, provided that no vendor may be compensated for a rate greater than the rates listed for the vendor's area of expertise, unless (1) the higher rate is approved by a Court in an allowed Motion for Funds or (2) the assigned counsel receives prior approval from the Chief Counsel of CPCS, or his designee, to exceed the listed rate.

All standards and procedures established in the Indigent Court Costs Act and Commonwealth v. Lockley, 381 Mass. 156 (1981) and its progeny apply to requests for funds by experts listed in this document and others deemed necessary by assigned counsel.

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EXPERT QUALIFICATIONS & RATES

Title: **ACCIDENT RECONSTRUCTIONIST**

Qualifications

Required: ! Training in collision analysis (e.g., state police training)

Preferred: ! Bachelor's Degree in engineering
 ! Professional engineering certification (state board of registration)

Rates: Without professional degree \$ 60/hr-\$100/hr
 With professional degree \$100/hr-\$150/hr

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Title: **ARSON**

Qualifications

Required: ! Significant experience as firefighter (minimum 5 years) including assignment to department's arson squad

Preferred: ! Training as arson investigator (A.T.F., F.B.I., state police)

Rates: Without professional degree \$ 50/hr-\$100/hr
 With professional degree \$100/hr-\$250/hr

EXPERT QUALIFICATIONS & RATES

Title: **BALLISTICS EXPERT**

Qualifications

Required: ! Significant firearms training and experience including investigative techniques and laboratory analysis (e.g., police, military) of firearms

Rates: \$50/hr-\$150/hr

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Title: **BLOODSTAIN PATTERN EXPERT**

Qualifications

- Required: ! Forty hours training in bloodstain pattern interpretation with instructor recognized by the International Association of Bloodstain Pattern Analysts
- Preferred: ! Bachelor's Degree in relevant science/including course work in mathematics, biology, chemistry and related sciences
- ! Membership in International Association of Bloodstain Pattern Analysts

Rates: Without professional degree \$ 75/hr-\$150/hr
 With professional degree \$150/hr-\$250/hr

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Title: **CRIME SCENE RECONSTRUCTIONIST**

Qualifications

Required: ! Bachelor of Science degree in engineering, chemistry, biology, physics or related sciences

Preferred: ! Extensive relevant laboratory and actual crime scene experience

Rates: \$150/hr-\$225/hr

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Title: **DOCUMENT EXAMINER/HANDWRITING EXPERT**

Qualifications

Required: ! Significant training (and/or an apprenticeship) as a document examiner or handwriting expert

Preferred: ! Membership in a national association in the field, e.g., National Association of Document Examiners, Association of Forensic Document Examiners, etc.

Rates: \$75/hr-\$150/hr

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Title: **DRUG ANALYST**

Qualifications

- Required: ! Bachelor's Degree in biology, chemistry or related science
- Preferred: ! Master's Degree
- ! Significant experience executing relevant testing procedures

Rates: Bachelor's Degree \$ 75/hr - \$100/hr

 Master's Degree \$125/hr - \$150/hr

EXPERT QUALIFICATIONS & RATES

Title: **GRAPHICS SPECIALIST**

Required: ! Significant training in computer graphics or
comparable graphics experience

Preferred: ! Bachelor's Degree in graphic arts, architecture,
industrial design, etc.

Rates: \$45/hr-\$75/hr

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Title: **INVESTIGATOR**

Qualifications

Required: ! Compliance with the provisions of G.L. c.147,
§§22-26

Rates: \$25/hr - \$50/hr

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Title: **MEDICAL DOCTOR**

Qualifications

Required: ! Licensed M.D.
 ! Board certified in medicine

Preferred: ! Board certified in area at issue in individual case

Rates: \$150/hr - \$250/hr

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Title: **NURSE**

Qualifications

Required: ! Registered Nurse

Preferred: ☐ Board certified in subspecialty (e.g., pediatrics, psychiatry, etc)

Rates:	Registered Nurse	\$30/hr - \$ 60/hr
	Master's Degree	\$60/hr - \$100/hr

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Title: **PATHOLOGIST/MEDICAL EXAMINER**

Qualifications

Required: ! Licensed physician (state board of registration)
 ! Board certified in pathology

Preferred: ! Board certified in forensic pathology
 ! Board certified in anatomic pathology

Rates: \$200/hr-\$300/hr

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Title: **PEDIATRICIAN**

Qualification

Required: ! Licensed M.D.

Preferred: ! Board Certified in Pediatrics

Rates: \$150/hr-\$250/hr

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Title: **PHARMACOLOGIST**

Qualifications

Required: ! Bachelor's Degree in pharmacology

Preferred: ! Significant relevant forensic experience

Rates: \$75/hr-\$150/hr

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Title: **PSYCHIATRIST**

Qualifications

Required: ! Licensed physician (state board of registration)
! Board certified or eligible in psychiatry

Preferred: ☒ Board certified or eligible in relevant subspecialty
(e.g., forensic psychiatry, child psychiatry)

! Designation by DMH as forensic psychiatrist
(pursuant to 104 CMR 33.04)

Rates: \$150/hr-\$250/hr

EXPERT QUALIFICATIONS & RATES

Title: **PSYCHOLOGIST**

Qualifications

Required: ! Doctoral Degree in related discipline (Ed.D, Psy.D., etc.)

Preferred: ! Licensed clinical psychologist (state board of registration)

 ! Designation by DMH as forensic psychologist (pursuant to 104 CMR 33.04)

Rates: \$100/hr-\$200/hr

EXPERT QUALIFICATIONS & RATES

Title: **SOCIAL SERVICES EXPERT**

Qualifications

Required: ! Bachelor's Degree in social work or related field, e.g., counseling and/or training in forensic social services

Preferred: ! Master's or Doctorate Degree in social work, education or related field
! L.I.C.S.W. or L.C.S.W.
! Licensed marriage and family therapist or licensed mental health counselor

Rates:	Bachelor's Degree	\$ 50/hr - \$ 75/hr
	Master's Degree	\$ 75/hr - \$100/hr
	Doctorate Degree	\$100/hr - \$200/hr

EXPERT QUALIFICATIONS & RATES

Title: **SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPERT**

Qualifications

Required: ! Master's Degree in special education, psychology or related field and significant experience in the field of special education (either as educator, administrator, evaluator or advocate)

Rates: \$50/hr-\$75/hr

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Title: **TOXICOLOGIST**

Qualifications

Required: ! Doctorate Degree in biology, chemistry or related science

Preferred: ! Significant experience executing relevant testing procedures

Rates: \$125/hr-\$225/hr
